

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/606,409 Confirmation No.: 5663  
Applicant : Samuel M. Shaolian  
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Title : TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK ACCESS  
METHODS AND DEVICES  
TC/Art Unit : 3733  
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Docket No. : MED-032  
Customer No. : 71998

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the September 12, 2007 Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this response; and

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this response.